

REMARKS

In a telephone interview with Examiner P. Stanbuck (Legal Instruments Examiner: 571-272-0675), Applicants' attorney (Philip S. Lyren) was instructed to change claims 38-109 to have a status identifier as "previously presented." As instructed by Examiner Stanbuck, the status identifier of claims 38-109 is changed to "previously presented" and underlining of these claims is removed.

The Office Action states that the reissue declaration is defective for failing to identify at least one error which is relied upon to support the reissue application. This rejection is traversed since Applicants submit a supplemental declaration identifying an example of at least one species that was not claimed in the original patent. Specifically, the declaration identifies figures 6a – 6b and figures 9a – 9d showing exemplary species.

As requested in the Office Action, the specification is amended to cross-reference the original patent 6,046,968.

The status of the claims is as follows: claims 1-109 are pending; claims 110-210 are canceled; claims 34 and 35 are amended. Support in the disclosure for amended claims 34 and 38 occurs at least at col. 6, line 8 – col. 7, line 57, col. 10, line 15 – col. 15, line 39, and original claims 34 and 35.

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